Appointment of retired district Judges as Judges in Allahabad High Court

2183. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have appointed in the past 10-15 years, the retired District Judges of Uttar Pradesh as Judges in the Allahabad High Court;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affiramative whether the Government has discarded this policy; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government will examine and consider the case of District Judges retired from U.P. Higher Judicial Service on or after 30th June, 1985, to treat their cases on the basis of uniform policy and principles of natural justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Certain proposals, received from the State authorities, are engaging the attention of the Government.

Allotment of 2-acre plot in Badli Industrial area to M/s. Kantilal and Company

2184. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 17th January, 1986 regarding the demand of CBI probe into allotment of 2 acre plot in Badli Industrial Area to M/s. Kanti Lal and Company;

(b) wheter Government have probed the allegations levelled in the report; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that any rules and regulations were violated in allotment of the said land; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) and (b) above be in affirmative, what action has been contemplated against the officers involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to Delhi Administration, the allegations have been gone into but no irregularity was found That Administration has further reported that no rules and regulations were violated in allotment of the said land.

Introducing Electrical reforms

2185. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to introduce electoral reforms as announced by the Prime Minister during the centenary session of the Indian National Congress; and

(b) what precise modifications are sought to be introduced in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Government are keen to amend the election laws with a view to bringing about electoral reforms. The Election Commission had earlier forwarded a set of proposals on electoral reforms. Further consultation with the Election Commission is continuing. After the completion of detailed examination and the formulation of preliminary views on various proposals, Government would hold consultations with political parties. It would not be feasible at this stage to indicate the proposals or modifications which may emerge on the basis of consultation with political parties.